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(a) The Department shall develop a system for long-range renewable forest resources planning. The public and private forest land resources of Maryland, including, but not limited to, wood fiber, forest recreation, wildlife, fish, forest watershed, and wilderness potential, shall be examined and inventoried periodically. As part of the forest resource planning process, the Department periodically shall develop, review and revise a resource plan that should help to provide for a sustained yield of forest resource benefits for the citizens of Maryland. The forest resource plan shall be made available for public and legislative review and comment.

(b) To ensure the availability and compatibility of planning data, scientific information and funding, the Department shall cooperate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in forest resource planning efforts as provided for in the Forest and Rangelands Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

(c) The Department may accept federal funds and may provide cost share funds to cooperative governments.

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